

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1904, Catholic settlers' who loved God's word and wanted a place to worship organized St. Liborius Catholic Church located in the city of Polo, Hand County; and,

Whereas, The first church was built in 1904 for \$2,500 and was named for the Patron Saint Liborius in the Diocese of Paderborn, Germany; and,

Whereas, The Parish Bazaar began in 1910 and is still held on the last Sunday of September. The St. Liborius School has 730 graduates and celebrated its 50th anniversary in May of 1974; and,

Whereas, God has blessed the membership of St. Liborius Catholic Church with 70 parish families who are served by the Sioux Falls diocesan priests; and,

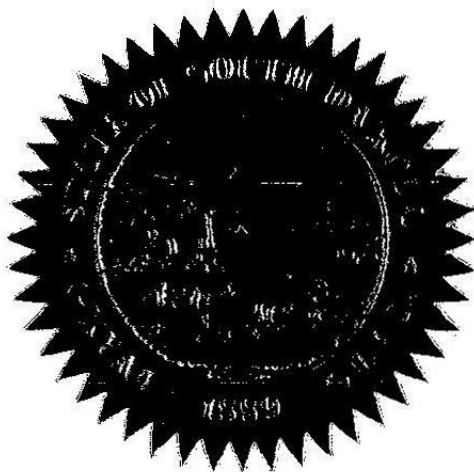
Whereas, The St. Liborius Catholic Church has had a presence in this community for 100 years, and special recognition will be given to the past and present members of this congregation who have faithfully conducted and carried out the wishes of the original founders of the church; and,

Whereas, This 100th Anniversary celebration of the St. Liborius Catholic Church in Polo will take place on Sunday, August 8, 2004, with a special service celebrated by Bishop Paul Dudley, along with former parish priests followed by a dinner to recognize and honor this important occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 8, 2004, as

ST. LIBORIUS CENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State